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REPUBLICANS TALK
OF CITY CHARTERPlan and Scope Committee Named
Last Night.

The Republicans have started work on a charter for Honolulu. All but one of their "committee of thirty" who were present at their meeting last night, and one of those, Charles M. White, was sick abed.

A full set of officers of the committee was elected and a committee on scope and plan of work was appointed to report back to the full committee next Thursday evening.

Geo. W. Smith raised the point as to whether the committee had been appointed to "obstruct charter legislation" or to "promote it," and the chairman replied that the press did not appoint the committee.

W. O. Smith made a strong speech for immediate and earnest action. After making a compliment to the members of the Territorial executive committee the meeting adjourned.

Promptly at 7:30, T. McCants Stewart, chairman of the Republican executive committee, asked if the charter committee should proceed to business, and the executive committee had appointed the members he would call it to order, but thereafter it would be entirely out of the hands of the executive committee. He said he had no plan to propose and thought no one present had and suggested a committee on scope and plan be appointed.

Assistant Secretary E. R. Hendry of the Republican executive committee requested to call the roll. Sixteen of the thirty were present at 7:30 and after a few minutes had arrived.

They were C. Boite, J. H. Boyd, Geo. W. Smith, J. H. Fisher, A. V. Gear, J. Gilman, Dr. Geo. H. Huddy, Enoch Johnson, S. K. Kane, J. L. Kaulukou, J. A. Mott-Smith, Chas. Notley, J. G. Pratt, W. C. Roe, W. R. Sims, T. McCants Stewart, Fred T. P. Waterhouse, Philip L. Weaver, E. Oscar White, Chas. B. Wilson, F. Wilhelm, Carl Schumann of the "committee of thirty" drafted a charter and J. P. Cooke and Secretary E. R. Hendry of the Republican executive committee.

Upon nomination of Geo. A. Davis, J. H. Fisher was unanimously elected chairman of the "committee of thirty" and upon nomination by T. McCants Stewart, Carl Widemann was elected secretary and J. A. Gilman treasurer.

An informal ballot on a committee on scope and plan of work was had which resulted as follows: W. O. Smith, 19; T. McCants Stewart, 19; A. V. Gear, 9; J. H. Boyd, 9; Geo. W. Smith, 8; J. H. Boyd, 8; C. Boite, 7; Philip Weaver, 7, and the rest scattering.

Of these the first five were finally decided upon. Mr. Boyd stepping out in favor of G. W. Smith because, he said, Mr. Smith was born and bred under the American flag, while he had only recently become an American and knew very little of municipal matters. Col. Boyd made the motion, J. A. Gilman seconded it and it passed.

After some parliamentary discussion on this and other matters it was agreed that the next meeting should be at 7:30 next Thursday evening in the same place. Judge Estee of the United States District Court had offered the use of the court room but it was said to be too small to make one's self heard there.

Half a dozen members had reached for their hats to go when Geo. W. Smith, as a member of the committee on plan and scope of the work of the "committee of thirty," arose and sprung the only thing to jar the routine of the meeting. He said it was a matter of comment in the press and on the street that the Republican charter committee had been appointed to obstruct and not to facilitate municipal government and he wanted an expression as to which plan was to be pursued.

Chairman Fisher remarked in passing that the press did not appoint the charter committee but the Republican party.

Geo. Davis said the people demanded a change from the present centralized government and he for one was there for work and earnest work or he would resign.

T. McCants Stewart said he failed to see Mr. Smith's point. He could not see how grinding out a good charter would obstruct municipal government.

He then moved that the members of the executive committee of the party be permitted to attend the meetings of the charter committee and enter into the discussions but not to vote. Col. Boyd seconded it and after a remark by George Davis to the effect that Mr. Cooke, who was the only member present, would then be in the same position as Delegate Wilcox, the motion passed.

W. O. Smith interrupted another half-made motion to adjourn by stating that he had urged a special session of the Legislature last summer to pass upon two questions. One was the fire claims from the burning of Chinatown and the other the appointment of a charter commission by the Legislature to prepare a charter to report at the regular session. He said the coming session of the Legislature would be a very busy one, and even if the Governor extended its duration to its full limit there would not be time to properly handle these two matters. The result would be either hasty and ill-considered legislation or no legislation for another two years.

He said it was like a girl getting married. A good husband was very nice but if she got a bad one her last state was worse than her former. He had very reluctantly accepted a place on the charter committee because it did not have the effect of a legislative commission. He considered the work of the Republican charter committee to be real, earnest and hard work, and he would not remain on the charter committee if it was intended to play with the question. He said a charter of any other city was not necessarily good for Honolulu any more than a suit of clothes ordered in London would be likely to fit a Honolulu customer. He knew California cities which wished they had no charter. He favored no charter rather than a poor one.

He thought the results of the labors of these earnest men, however, would have great weight with the Legislature. In closing Mr. Smith again remarked, "I am here for earnest work or I would not be here at all."

After C. P. Cooke had declared the intentions of the executive committee to be simply to obey the will of the party, G. W. Smith said W. O. Smith's statements answered his question as to the purpose of organizing the "Committee of Thirty."

J. L. Kaulukou arose to light his cigar and incidentally remarked that he thought municipal government was premature at present. The spirit moved somebody to make the motion which parliamentary law says "is always in order"—to ad-

ourn—but ere it could be put W. C. Roe, foreman of the shops at the Honolulu Iron Works, made a characteristic speech in which he thanked the executive committee for making him a member of the charter committee. He likewise remarked that it was poor policy to wear old shoes when one could get new ones, lest one should get "cold feet." This expression quickly changed to "wet feet," however. He did not seem to be sure whether "the class I represent," as he called them, were in favor of municipal government or not. He was sure they were if it would benefit them, but he did not seem to have made up his mind as to whether it would be a benefit or not.

After an announcement that the subcommittee on plan and scope would meet at George A. Davis' office at 9 this morning, the "Committee of Thirty" adjourned to meet again Thursday evening.

FEEBLE LIGHT ON
THE DOUBLE TRAGEDY

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He found morphine in all the parts he analyzed. He thought the total amount of morphine found approximated two and a quarter grains. She might have taken three or four grains, as some of it was absorbed. A half-grain would cause death in some cases, he believed. Dr. Shroyer was given a shawl which was about Miss Schneider's shoulders when he was found dying and which had sprinkled on it some powder suspected to be morphine. He will analyze the powder.

THE JAPANESE YARDBOY.

Hyashi, the yardboy at the Neumann home at Waikiki, was the last witness. He remembered Bennett visiting Miss Schneider five or six times in the daytime. He described Bennett as the "man with the big hat who rode the horse."

At the conclusion of the testimony Deputy Sheriff Chillingworth addressed the jury in both cases and said he desired to hear the evidence of Mr. Campbell, to whom Miss Conyn said Miss Schneider had loaned money, and who Miss Schneider told Miss Conyn had returned "every cent." Mr. Campbell was said to be the partner of Mr. Minton in the firm of Campbell and Minton, and could not be found yesterday by the officer sent to look for him. The inquest of Miss Schneider will be continued today at 2 o'clock and the jury in the Bennett case will also attend. Probably verdicts in both cases will be rendered today. In the Bennett case death by suicide is the only possible verdict, and it is probable that that will be the verdict as to Miss Schneider's end.

FUNERAL OF BENNETT.

The funeral of Frank P. Bennett was held yesterday morning at 10 o'clock from the Honolulu Undertaking Parlors. A large crowd gathered around the place, and a long line of carriages waited in place behind the soldiers on foot. Rev. H. H. Parker delivered a brief, impressive address, dwelling upon the perilous life of the Indian scout, and eulogizing the courageous work done by the deceased in the interest of his country, and the meritorious service done by the departed while in the military.

After a prayer the funeral procession formed and followed the hearse to the Nuuanu Cemetery, where the interment took place. Major Ennis and Captain Slaker were present, both at the services and at the funeral. The pallbearers were the intimate friends of the deceased, being non-commissioned officers who had worked under him.

Not being a regular soldier, no salute was fired, but the body was followed to its last resting place by a long line of military carriages, mounted soldiers and soldiers on foot. A number of private carriages also joined the procession. One of the ladies present seemed bowed with grief. She was deeply veiled and wept bitterly.

Through a curious coincidence the grave of Bennett was dug beside the fresh-heaped mound of earth where lies all that was mortal of Clara Schneider. When the last shovelful of clay had been placed upon the grave of Bennett, and those who had come to do honor to the memory of the Indian

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scout had departed, there remained two silent mounds, side by side, wrapped in a mystery which will never be unraveled, each with a modest wood headstone and a metal tag, bearing simply the name, the number and the date of the interment of each. What there was of human passion, heart-ache and tragedy, all the joy and pain of the two lives that were so mysteriously interwoven, how each came to the bitterness of death, and the untold story of the two graves alone on the hill—all this and much more is condensed in two lines on the record book of the keeper of the cemetery.

No. 24—Clara Schneider, interred December 13, 1900.
No. 26—Frank P. Bennett, interred December 18, 1900.

CHUN POON MAKES A NEAT FEE
Chinese Detective Captures Opium
Smuggler and \$125.

Lam Kau, one of the assistants in the Empire saloon, was fined \$250 yesterday morning for the unlawful possession of opium. The capture was made by Chun Poon, a Chinese detective.

Chun Poon stepped up behind Lam Kau Monday afternoon as he was slipping out the door of a saloon, and

laid an official detaining hand upon his countryman's shoulder. The Celestial officer had been on a warm trail after the offending opium smuggler for some days, and had detected him in the act of hurrying away from the back door of a down-town saloon. Upon searching Lam Kau, twenty tins of first-class opium were discovered on his person.

The Chinaman was arrested and brought into court yesterday morning, where he was fined \$250. The fine was immediately paid, and as half of it, according to the legal regulation, goes to the officer making the arrest, Chun Poon is a neat little sum in pocket.